



Ryan Matthew McCauley

August 5, 1990 - June 10, 2023

We are devastated to announce the unexpected passing of Ryan Matthew McCauley, 32, of Asheville, North Carolina. Gone far too soon on June 10, 2023, when he was the passenger in a tragic motor vehicle accident. Ryan is with our Lord, whom he wanted to lovingly praise forever. He is survived by family that love him dearly: his parents, Matthew & Cynthia McCauley, and two sisters, Meghan (Ryan) Wilcox, and Allison McCauley. Also surviving is his maternal grandmother, Margaret J. Genter. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Anthony Kreutzer, and paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Cecile McCauley. Ryan (or Porphyrios, as he was called by friends and congregation at his church) was the gentlest, most kind soul anyone could ever meet. With the love of his church family, he was truly figuring out life. When he was passionate about something, Ryan gave it his all and did whatever he could to fulfill that passion. Ryan was fiercely loyal in everything he did and was a big kid at heart. Ryan felt humbled and honored as he was to be the godfather to a sweet boy at his church; he loved kids and kids loved him.

Ryan was a lover of music and anything outdoors; he played the drums for 21 years in bands, church, and as a hobby. He enjoyed music, writing, hiking, camping, and just spending time in nature. A carpenter by trade and artist at heart, he created anything he could with his hands - often building his own instruments. He was truly a special, amazing man who helped people

wherever life took him. Ryan would give someone the shirt off his back if they needed it. He was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, where he was an active choir member, and was recently baptized with the name of his favorite Saint, Porphyrios. Ryan was a true believer of Christ and Heaven.

There will be a service for Ryan held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church led by Father Michael Diavatis in Asheville, North Carolina, on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Ryan's final earthly resting place will be at Panagia Vlahernon Greek Orthodox Monastery in Ocala, Florida, where he wished to become a monk. Ryan is resting peacefully with our Lord and honoring our Savior forever.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
227 Cumberland Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ryan Matthew McCauley*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



shah - June 22, 2023 at 01:34 AM



“ *I'm endlessly sorry for your loss. Ryan was like a brother to me for many years. Ryan was, indeed, a gentle soul, and criminally misunderstood at times. He had a huge heart and a beautiful soul. If there is anything at all I can do please don't hesitate to reach out.*

With every last bit of my heart, I wish you all love, and may Ryan rest in peace.

Brent Rothenberg - June 15, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Ryan Matthew McCauley.*



June 14, 2023 at 07:43 PM

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Carolyn Roehm - June 14, 2023 at 05:03 PM

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We will always love you and keep you close to our heart💙

Carolyn Roehm - June 14, 2023 at 05:03 PM

DV

Ryan was my son Jason's first best friend as a little boy. Ryan grew up with us, along with a wonderful friendship with the McCauley family! We camped, swam, water skied, and enjoyed a close knit time with all the McCauleys. We grew up with Ryan from a little boy to man and were Blessed with his warm smile and kind heart! A little piece of my heart is gone and Ryan will live forever in what's left of it! His last communication to me was a Bible verse and I can't wait to be with him with JESUS in Heaven. As much as we'll miss him, GOD must have needed him more than us, and a pure heart to lead an infantry of Angels for Him! GOD Bless you Ryan!

David Vetere - June 20, 2023 at 07:30 PM

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“ Carolyn Roehm sent a virtual gift in memory of Ryan Matthew McCauley



Carolyn Roehm - June 14, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ryan Matthew McCauley.

June 14, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ Kyrie Eleison! We will miss you Porphyrios!



Evangelos - June 14, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ryan McCauley



Bess Crider - June 13, 2023 at 09:41 PM



God bless our dear nephew. May he rest well with the Lord.

Jim & Colleen Pellegrini - June 14, 2023 at 11:06 AM



Ryan was my neighbor, very dear soul since he moved to North Carolina. We spent time together and he was the most gentlest kind soul I have ever met. My heart melted when I heard of this. I focused on the tragedy of this but then decided to remember all of the good kind memories that were left with me. I cherish that. I am so very happy that he was put in my path of life. My love and heartfelt sympathy for the family. Susan Grindstaff

susan grindstaff - June 14, 2023 at 02:36 PM

BC

Ryan was such a gentle soul. He was also intensely sincere and earnest, with a desire to be in God's presence that was inspiring to people around him. Everyone I know came to see Ryan as a brother, or a son, and we wanted to walk beside him.

Bess Crider

Bess Crider - June 14, 2023 at 09:25 PM

JO

Ryan was an inspiration and a brother in Christ. May his memory be eternal! Joanna Sen

Joanna - June 16, 2023 at 07:14 PM